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SUBJECT: TINGAY REPORT IN WASHINGTON POST

1. WE NOTE WIRELESS FILE 22 OF JAN 31 CONTAINS SUMMARY OF MICHEL TINGAY REPORT FROM CAIRO IN WASHINGTON POST STATING, INTER ALIA, "US ANALYSTS" CLAIM ISRAELI AIR SUPERIORITY MAY BE JEOPARDIZED BY EGYPT'S ACQUISITION OF FRENCH MIRAGE FIGHTER BOMBERS AND CONTINUES ALONG THESE LINE. STORY DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY SAY WHICH "US ANALYSTS" TINGAY IS TALKING ABOUT. DAO AND EMBOFFS HAVE FROM TIME TO TIME SOUGHT TO BE HELPFUL TO TINGAY AS AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT, BUT THEY AT NO RPT NO TIME DISCUSSED WITH HIM THE MATTER OF EGYPTIAN ACQUISITION OF FRENCH MIRAGE AIRCRAFT UPSETTING MILITARY BALANCE. INFERENCE IN STORY THAT THIS MAY HAVE BEEN A JUDGMENT BEING DISCUSSED AT HERE IS MISCHIEVOUS AND CUT FROM WHOLE CLOTH.

2. TINGAY, WITH WHOM ARMA TODAY DISCUSSED POST ARTICLE, SAYS FIRST TWO PARAGRAPHS ARE HIS, BUT DISCLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR REST OF STORY. TINGAY IS UPSET AND INTENDS TAKE UP STORY WITH HIS SUPERIORS.
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